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15 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OSA Quarterly Review, 15 July 1968

1. The review, covering accomplishment in the 4th Quarter of FY68 and plans for the 1st Quarter of FY69, was convened at 1500 hrs in the DD/S&T Conference Room. Mr. Duckett was in attendance for part of the meeting; Dr. Lauderdale and [REDACTED] attended the entire meeting. Col Ross and Mr. Parangosky of OSA chaired the presentation. The agenda, reproduced as Page 1 of the Attachment, was followed.

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2. [REDACTED] was the first briefer covering the operational aspects of the OXCART and IDEALIST programs. Pages 2 through 9 of the Attachment are copies of the charts used by [REDACTED] and effectively outline his remarks. In addition, he remarked that there are nine A-12 aircraft in storage at Palmdale including one TAGBOARD equipped aircraft.

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Mr. Parangosky stated a mission was to have been flown on the 14th of July but the weather didn't hold up.

3. [REDACTED] was the next briefer covering the R&D area. His presentation examined the U2R development and testing program, [REDACTED] and the current status of other OSA R&D programs. [REDACTED] followed his charts very closely and they are reproduced in Pages 10 through 13 of the attachment. There were only a few added comments. He stated the second U2R to be delivered would finish developmental testing on 15 July at which time it will be lent to SAC for training purposes. It is to be returned to Agency control on the 15th of August (Chart 10). On the other R&D items, the High Altitude Relight program contained a [REDACTED] residue on

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28 June because the approval was not received from the D/NRO until late in April. The money was obligated by 30 June. Dr. Lauderdale asked what the status is on the [redacted]

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[redacted] answered that it is being repackaged at present.

4. The next presentation was made by [redacted] and covered the materiel field. He covered the OXCART/SCOPE COTTON schedules, and the IDEALIST UER acquisition program. The briefing charts, which are reproduced in Pages 14 through 23 of the attachment, were followed fairly well but [redacted] added some later data that was not in the charts. He stated all OXCART aircraft are out of Kadana having been replaced by USAF SR-71 aircraft. All Agency resources have been returned from Kadana or have been re-assigned in the Far East. Snags and hardware [redacted] in fuel, and [redacted] in supplies are being turned over to the Air Force. Aircraft records for each A-12 are being stored in safes located next to the aircraft. Lockheed now has the storage responsibility for the aircraft and are to keep them in top condition. Items [redacted] are being made available to other government agencies.

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Mr. Duckett said he understood we were working full time on the acceptance testing of the UER's. [redacted] answered in the affirmative. He stated work is going on around the clock. He said there have been some bad welds noted in the oil pump system causing bad psi fluctuations and not getting sufficient oil to main engine parts. Also a spring was found to be defective in the assemblies. A different pump is being substituted and the solution should be at hand soon. [redacted] said the constant speed drive drop-out has been solved.

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6. Mr. Duckett stated that care must be taken in control of OXCART records. Meaningful documents must not be destroyed otherwise getting back into operation would be nearly impossible. [redacted] said they are looking into the possibility of microfilming documents. Mr. Duckett re-emphasized the need to retain meaningful information. Personnel documentation should be retained for at least two years so that experts can be located if they are needed.

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7. Agency provided funding was the next item for discussion with [] doing the briefing. Charts # 24 through 29 in the attachment furnish a reproduction of the ones used by [] and he followed them closely. Additional, he stated TAGBOARD support will require [] through November, []. A reserve release will be needed to cover this requirement. For FY69 OSA will need [] of supplemental funding. Mr. Duckett said this seems reasonable and shouldn't be difficult to justify. He was pleased that the requirement was not larger.

8. The final briefer was [] reviewing NRO funding for the last quarter of FY68 and projecting the needs for FY69. Charts 30 & 31 of the attachment are reproductions of those used by [] he followed these charts closely except to state [] must be added to Chart # 30 []. As added comments, [] stated the [] residue in OXCART FY68 funding (Chart 30) became closed sooner than had been anticipated. Mr. Duckett asked whether OSA has any indication concerning [] statement that closing out costs on OXCART would run around []. [] replied in the negative adding that the costs were stretching out. Mr. Duckett said OSA must attempt to identify the [] added [].

/s/ []
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